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NICOSIA FOR DJEREJIAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FSO VISIT TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

REF: STATE 202820

1. AS INDICATED IN SEPTTEL, TELEPHONES TO ALL EXCHANGES IN EAST BEIRUT ARE STILL NOT WORKING. WE CONTINUE ATTEMPT MAKE CONTACT, BUT HAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO PRIOR TO DJEREJIAN'S ARRIVAL JOUNIEH.

2. JOHN KHAWAND WILL MEET 0400 FERRY AND PLANS TO TAKE GROUP TO MONTEMAR HOTEL. GROUP MAY HAVE DOUBLE ROOMS BALANCE OF MONDAY NIGHT, BUT SINGLE ROOMS THEREAFTER. HAVE SUGGESTED OVEAN-FRONT ROOMS BECAUSE RADIO EQUIPMENT REQUIRES LINE OF SIGHTEM DJEREJIAN MAY HAVE TO ARRANGE CHANGE ROOMS, AND SUGGESTED LANDMARK COULD BE ST. GEORGE HOTEL IN DETERMINING BEST LOCATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS UNITS.

3. WE WILL MONITOR AT 1200 NOON, 1600 AND 2300 TTUESDAY IN ORDER ESTABLISH INITIAL CONTACT. IF CONTACT NOT MADE WE WILL CONTINUE MONITORING
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SAME SCHEDULE FOLLOWING DAYS UNTIL CONTACT

ESTABLISHED.

4. WILL ATTEMPT ARRANGE SCHEDULE DIRECT WITH DJEREJIAN AFTER CONTACT MADE, DEPENDING UPON POWER SITUATION IN JOUNIEH. THEY SEEM TO HAVE MORE ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN EAST BEIRUT, BUT IT TOO IS LIKELY TO BE SPORADIC.

5. EITHER HUNT OR LANE WILL MONITOR WEST BEIRUT UNIT AFTER CONTACT ESTABLISHED AS REQUESTED. WE WILL PROPOSE TO DJEREJIAN THAT UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN ADVANCE, UNITS NOT BE USED AFTER MIDNIGHT AND BEFORE 0600 IN ORDER TO CONSERVE EMBASSY GENERATOR FUEL.

6. EMBASSY COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 343123 UNLISTED NUMBER AND ONLY ONE WORKING AT PRESENT. WHEN SERVICE RESTORED, ALSO 366538 AND 361800.

7. FOR NICOSIA: HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN LEBANESE VISAS FOR MULVEY AND FRATODDI. IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE, WE ARE ASSURED THAT THE VISAS CAN BE OBTAINED AT JOUNIEH.
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